

MN) Docket No. 02105.002050

Date: July 16, 2002

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of: WILLIAM MUTILANGI ET AL. Application No.: 09/458,677 For: USE OF METAL SALTS TO IMPROVE THE TASTE OF LOW-CALORIE BEVERAGES SWEETENED WITH SUCRALOSE TC 1700 Filed: December 10, 1999 Group Art Unit: 1761 Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated January 17, 2002, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-6. The items checked below are appropriate. X A Petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, together with the \$920.00 extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, was filed on herewith. A Petition for an additional ____ month extension of time to take further action, together with the \$_____ extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, was filed on _____. | X | Fee \$320.00 Fee \$160.00 (Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.) Enclosed Not required (fee paid in prior appeal) Charge to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 (One additional copy of this Notice

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- 4. X Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.
- 5. X Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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